

Nassau County



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False Alarm Reduction Unit Alarm Permit Section Communications Bureau

Dear Applicant:

The Nassau County Police are requested to respond to over 125,000 false alarms each year. Alarm legislation was adopted in 1991 because of concerns over police officer safety and to eliminate the misuse of police resources, which results in a cost of millions of dollars annually. Unfounded alarm calls reduce the police department's effectiveness and undermines our ability to respond to more critical calls.

- Alarm legislation mandates alarm permits are required for all alarm systems. Any person operating an alarm system without a permit shall be subject to a penalty fee of twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each alarm activation. Continued use of a non-registered alarm system may result in location being placed in No Response Mode.*
- Permit holders are required to immediately notify their alarm companies of their permit number. Alarm companies are mandated by law to use this permit number when dispatching for an alarm activation.*

- Application for permits and fees may ONLY be filed by mail. Checks or money orders must be made payable to the Nassau County Police Department. Application fees are non-refundable.*

New applications: Residence: \$75.00 Business: \$100.00

Applications are to be mailed to

*Nassau County Police Department
Communications Bureau / Alarm Permit Section
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- Permits are non-transferable. Permits are to be renewed every three (3) years from date of issuance. Renewal reminders will be mailed to permit holders prior to the expiration date. However, the alarm user is responsible for renewal prior to expiration date regardless of renewal notice receipt.*
- Section 8-40.8 of alarm legislation defines a false alarm as any alarm signal that elicits a response by police personnel and for which there is no evidence of criminal activity to justify a police response. The holder of a permit or the person in control of an alarm system shall be subject to suspension and/or revocation and/or will have location placed into a No Police Response Mode if false alarms to that location exceed five (5) in a 90 day period.*
- For further information regarding alarm permits or false alarm reduction, please contact the Alarm Permit Section at 516-573-7298 or 573-7862 or via e-mail at alarms@pdcn.org*

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